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Benishek To Vote Against Raising Federal Debt Limit
Statement of Congressman Dan Benishek (MI-01)

WASHINGTON, DC: Congressman Dan Benishek (MI-01) today released the following statement:

“As our federal government stands on the precipice of a debt crisis the likes of which has never been seen before, I believe it is irresponsible to simply increase the federal debt limit without pairing it with significant spending reductions.

Regrettably, the debt limit has already been raised ten times in the last decade, including three times under President Obama, and now the White House and Congressional Democrats are hoping to see it raised an eleventh.

Voters in Northern Michigan did not send me to Washington to help perpetuate the “borrow-and-spend” culture that has defined our federal government for a generation.

Instead, I and a majority of my colleagues in the House favor substantial spending reductions and government reforms before we will vote for any increase in the debt ceiling.

I believe it is imperative that America sends a strong signal to both global investors and other countries that we are strongly committed to reforming our spend-thrift ways and ensure that our country does not become another Greece or Iceland.”

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Congressman Benishek will be attending a meeting at the White House with President Barack Obama on Wednesday June 1, 2011 to further discuss the federal debt limit.